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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

GERMANY'S DISTRESS.

Situation Daily More Desperate.

London, March 15.

Reuter is informed that dispatches just received in London from an anonymous source indicate that the situation in Germany is becoming "daily more desperate."
The position is depicted to be extremely black.

FRENCH AVIATION POLICY.

Minister of War Resigns.

London, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the Chamber first of all discussed aviation in secret and then publicly. It considered various resolutions, including one expressing confidence in the Government to secure the closest co-ordination in the various air services, and to intensify all forms of aerial warfare.

General Lyautey said it would be preferable to await the result of the measures taken before debating. He refused to pursue the subject.

This remark occasioned loud protests that General Lyautey had insulted Parliament, and the tumult only ceased when the secret session was resumed.

General Lyautey was absent at the subsequent public sitting, when M. Briand accepted, and the Chamber unanimously voted, the aforesaid resolution.

It was subsequently announced that General Lyautey had resigned.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that General Lyautey, the Minister of War, has resigned after the debate on military aviation in the Chamber.

General Lyautey, who objected to the debate, refused to discuss the matters raised, as being prejudicial to national defence.

THE TORPEDOED AMERICAN SHIP.

Pirates Jeer at the Crew.

London, March 15.

The German pirates hauled down the Algonquin's flag before sinking her.

They jeered at the men in the boat when the latter asked for a tow, one of the pirates replying "Too busy."

GERMAN CONSPIRACY IN AMERICA.

A Military Expedition Against India!

London, March 13.

Capt. a Hindu student of Columbia University, has been released on bail of \$5,000, on a charge of having conspired with von Papen to organise a military expedition against India.

It is stated that von Papen paid Capt. a huge sum to go to Japan in connection with the project.

COTTON EXPORTS.

Prohibited Except Under Licence.

London, March 13.

The Foreign Office has informed the Liverpool Cotton Association that the Government has decided to prohibit the export of cotton from the United Kingdom except under licence.

To Save Tonnage.

London, March 13.

It is pointed out that the prohibition of the export of raw cotton, which is intended to save tonnage, will cause a suspension of re-exports of Egyptian cotton to the United States, which amounted to 67,374 bales out of 95,933 bales exported during the ten weeks ending March 8.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Von Falkenhayn Arrives at Triermont.

London, March 13.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says it is learned from an authoritative source that General von Falkenhayn and Staff have arrived at Triermont. There is much speculation in connection therewith.

French Take Prisoners.

London, March 15.

A French communiqué states:—We carried out a coup de main in the region of Moulin sous Touvent, to the east of the Oise, and took prisoners.

Several German attempts on our small posts in the neighbourhood of Vingre, to the west of Navarin, and in Argonne, failed.

There was fairly active artillery firing in the region of Maisons de Champagne, but no infantry engagements.

A German Story.

London, March 15.

A German official wireless message states:—Destructive fire stopped French attacks to the south of Ripont.

VEGETABLES INSTEAD OF HOPS.

London, March 15.

A Press Bureau announcement says Mr. Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, has circulated hop-growers recommending that they reduce their acreage by one-half, which would be sufficient for a year's brewing, and substitute potatoes and vegetables on the other half.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

THE MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

Russians Capture Kermanshah.

London, March 14.

The Russians have taken Kermanshah. [Kermanshah is a flourishing town of Persia, and capital of Persian Kurdistan, situate near the right bank of the River Kerkhah.]

Pursuing the Turks.

London, March 15.

A Russian official wireless message states:—We are pressing the retreating Turks in the direction of Sakhs and are approaching Bann.

We occupied Kermanshah after an obstinate two days' battle. The pursuit of the Turks continues.

IN THE BALKANS.

Fresh Activity on Monastir Front.

London, March 15.

A French Macedonian communiqué states:—There has been great patrol and artillery activity on the Monastir front. The Italians advanced near Hill 1050.

An Austrian attack between Lake Prespa and Lake Malak was repulsed with loss, the enemy leaving prisoners.

According to the Germans.

London, March 15.

A German official wireless message states:—The French advance on both banks of Lake Prespa, to the north of Monastir, was another costly failure.

We repulsed minor Entente attacks between Oerna and Lake Doiran.

British Line Pushed Forward.

London, March 15.

According to Reuter's correspondent at the Headquarters in Salonica, the British line south-west of Dorian has been advanced a thousand yards over a front of 3,500 yards, bringing the trenches at places within a hundred yards of the enemy's trenches.

The operation, including digging themselves in and firing wire entanglements, was carried out during the night. The new line shortens the front by straightening the salient at Horseshoe Hill, which was always exposed. Secondly, it strengthens the defences by an extra line of trenches; and, thirdly, it facilitates future raids upon the enemy.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON FOR THE FRONT.

London, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says Sir Ernest Shackleton has arrived there. He says he is going to the front.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

London, March 13.

A Russian official wireless message states that the enemy at night attacked and occupied portions of trenches to the south-west of Brzeskan. Our counter-attack drove him out with great loss.

U. S. COMMENT ON FALL OF BAGDAD.

London, March 13.

The New York World says the fall of Bagdad is the writing on the wall for the Turkish Empire.
The New York Herald says the fall of Bagdad is the beginning of the end of Prussianism.

NEW MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE.

London, March 13.

In the House Commons, Mr. Forster stated that arrangements have been made enabling officers below the rank of Major, and equivalent ranks in the Navy, to obtain a maintenance allowance for their children.

TEA, COFFEE AND COCOA.

London, March 13.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bathurst stated that Lord Devonport was consulting the leading representatives of the tea, coffee and cocoa trades with a view to securing distribution at fair prices.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

London, March 15.

The increase in British exports for the past month is £251,704 and in imports £3,612,322, as compared with February of last year.

THE DARDANELLES REPORT.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that Mr. Asquith would make a statement on the Dardanelles report on March 20. A small Government Committee, including Mr. Asquith, is at present considering the exiguous portions of the report, with a view to publication.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

British Representation to Holland.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, evidently in connection with the case of the British ship Princess Melita (which was recently reported to have been ordered out of the Hook of Holland when she went to take in water because of the fact that she was armed), Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Imperial Government was communicating with Holland regarding her refusal to a low defensively armed British merchantman to use a Dutch port.

ITALIAN SUCCESS IN TRIPOLI.

London, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome says it is semi-officially announced that the Italians have re-occupied Bucamar, on the west coast of Tripoli.

(In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.)

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SUSPENSION OF THE DUMA.

Petrograd, March 13.

Imperial ukases suspend the Duma and Council of Empire from 11th March to April at the latest according to circumstances.

KING GEORGE AND THE BAGDAD VICTORY.

London, March 14.

The Press Bureau announces that the King, acknowledging the congratulations from Allied Sovereigns and Heads of States concerning the capture of Bagdad, expresses his confident belief that the success advances the Allies another stage on the sure road to victory.

BRITISH POLITICAL CRISIS OVERCOME.

London, March 14.

The House of Commons debated the resolution authorising the acceptance of India's war contribution of a hundred millions sterling, and the Lancastrian amendment opposing the increase of the Indian cotton duties arising out of the resolution.

Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on India's splendid part in all theatres of the war.

Mr. Asquith moved an addendum to the Government motion, that the increase be reconsidered after the war in connection with the fiscal relationships of the Empire.

Mr. Lloyd George accepted.
The motion as amended was unanimously adopted, amid cheers, after the Lancastrian amendment had been rejected by 265 to 125.

The minority consisted of the Lancastrians, Nationalists and some Labourites.

The House of Lords agreed to the Government resolution accepting India's war contribution.

Earl Beauchamp withdrew his amendment in favour of a postponement of consideration of the question after the war upon the Government undertaking to review the matter after the war.

THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

Pushing the Line Forward.

London, March 14.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says:—Our line has been advanced on a mile and a half frontage south-westward and westward of Bapaume, and has progressed on a 2,000 yards frontage southward of Achiet-le-Petit.

We occupied a thousand yards of trench south-westward of Essarte, which is north-eastward of Commequert.

We raided trenches eastward of Armentieres and effectively bombed positions northwards of the Somme and eastward of Arras. Two explosions were caused.

More Open Warfare.

London, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, writing on March 14th, says:—The British advance, which was resumed on a front of four miles west of Bapaume on Monday, resulted in a further development of open warfare. The strong screen of rearwards covering the German retreat avoided action as much as possible.

The British are now entering the undulating green wooded country, in marked contrast to the brown dreariness they have faced all the winter.

The condition of the villages testifies to the hurry of the enemy's departure. Grevillers was largely intact and in Miramont many houses were undestroyed.

One of the most amazing spectacles is the roads and railways creeping up under the hands of myriads of workers. The promptitude with which guns and munitions were brought up was most disconcerting to the Germans. The latter abandoned much munitions and supplies; but the wines and cigars found in the dugouts were regarded with suspicion after former experience of the Hun's dark ways.

French Advancing Also.

London, March 15.

A French communiqué reports:—We continued our progress by bombing in the region of Maisons-de-Champagne, notwithstanding the furious enemy bombardment with tear shells.

(Continued on page 8.)

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

OBITUARY.

Sir George Chetwynd.

London, March 13.

The death is announced of Sir George Chetwynd, Bart., former High Sheriff of Warwickshire, and a large landowner.

Sir William Adamson.

London, March 13.

The death is announced of Sir William Adamson.

[The deceased was formerly a Straits Settlements merchant and a resident of Singapore. He was on several occasions a member of the Legislative Council and was given the C.M.G. decoration for public services in connection with the Colony. He was a director of the P. and O. Co.]

The Duchess of Connaught.

London, March 14.

The death is announced of H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught.

[Before her marriage, the Duchess was Princess Louise Margaret, Alexandra Victoria, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. The Duchess was born on July 25, 1850, and was married on March 15, 1879.]

THE POOR AND DIVORCE.

Question of Witnesses' Expenses.

The difficulties, among the poorer classes, of obtaining divorce, to which Lord Justice Scrutton drew attention recently has been accentuated by the war.

Parties to actions and essential witnesses are often widely scattered, and may be serving with the Army abroad. While poor persons can obtain relief in respect of Court fees, and the free services of solicitor and counsel, they are still responsible for the expenses of witnesses and the out-of-pocket expenses of their legal advisers.

It was intended when the Rules of the Supreme Court (Poor Persons) Act of 1914 was passed that a fund should be raised to give relief to poor litigants in respect of these costs, and before the war steps were being taken to form a committee to promote such a fund by voluntary public subscriptions. The war has temporarily shelved the scheme, and a number of cases are still not heard because the applicants are not in a position to bring their witnesses into Court. Nevertheless, the relief already extended to poor litigants has resulted in the hearing of over 2,000 actions which would otherwise not have been brought to trial. The greater number of the applications granted under the Rules are concerned with divorce actions, and over 100 cases on the present general list are those of poor persons to whom relief has been granted.

Through other actions in the King's Bench Division thousands of pounds have been recovered by verdict or settlement for people who could not have brought their cases into Court if they had had to undertake the cost incurred by litigation. Only last week such a case was settled for £150, and in another action the plaintiff secured £400. It is stated that up to the present there has been very little abuse of the Rules and that both branches of the legal profession have very willingly given their services to secure the smooth and successful working of the scheme.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Eleven Brothers Perish
in a Zeppelin.
According to the Amsterdam
correspondent of the Daily
Chronicle, eleven brothers, who
formed part of the crew of one of
the Zeppelins which were
brought down during a raid on
England were burned alive when
the airship was destroyed. The
body of another man from the
Zeppelin, destroyed off England
on November 28 has just been
washed up on the coast, says a
despatch from London. This is
the third body recovered during
the last eight days.

Celebrated French Priest
Assassinated.

The last French papers have
reported the death of the Rever-
end Father de Konarski, who has
been assassinated by Touaregs, in
his residence of Tamaraguet, in
the middle of the Sahara. A
brilliant officer of cavalry, Oh de
Konarski, disguised as a Jew,
explored unknown Morocco in the
years 1883 and 1884. He was after
some years ordained a priest, and
fixed his residence in Central
Sahara, at Tamaraguet, living
alone amongst the Touaregs, and
publishing remarkable studies
about the language, literature,
religion and tradition of these
nomads.

European Arrived at Singapore.

Henry Smith, who gave his
address as Hylam Kongsee and
his nationality as English, and
who was arrested by Inspector
Meredith in a house in a long-off
Jalan Besar early on Wednesday
morning on a warrant, appeared
before the third magistrate the
same day, says the Singapore
Free Press of March 8. Accused
is charged at the instance of S. B.
M. M. Somasundaram Chetty with
cheating, by pretending that the
cinematograph machine at Al-
exandra Hall, North Bridge Rd.,
was his own personal property,
thereby inducing the chetty
named above to loan him \$1,300,
and thereby committing an
offence punishable under section
420 of the Penal Code. Accused
who pleaded not guilty was re-
mandered for one week, being or-
dered bail in the sum of \$2,000, in
two sureties.

Volunteer Reserve Force
for Perak.

The Resident of Perak deems it
expedient and necessary that a
Reserve Force to the Volunteer
Force should be established in
the State of Perak, and that men
should be called out to undergo
training in the State of Perak,
says the Times of Malaya. He
therefore authorizes the estab-
lishment, in the State of
Perak, of a Reserve Force to
the Volunteer Force and the
calling out of men to undergo
military training within the
following areas:- Within a radius
of seven miles from Taiping,
Trong, Perit Bantar, Bagan Serai,
Kuala Kampar, Sungai Siput,
Brass, Ipoh, Batu Gajah, Gopeng,
Tasek, Bangkok, Telok Anson,
Bagan Datok, Sitiawan, Kampar,
and Slim River; also that part of
the State of Perak within a seven
mile radius of Tanjung Malim,
(T.O.M.)

High-Speed Telegraphy.

The committee appointed by
the Postmaster General at the
end of 1913 to inquire into and
report on systems of high-speed
telegraphy have just issued their
report [Cd 8413]. They regard
all systems as high
speed which provide a greater
output than a duplex Morse
circuit, which has a speed of 30
words a minute in each direction,
or total capacity of 60 words.
They recommend that the exten-
sion of systematic Wheatstone
working should be discontinued,
and the question of displacing it
by multiplex circuits taken up
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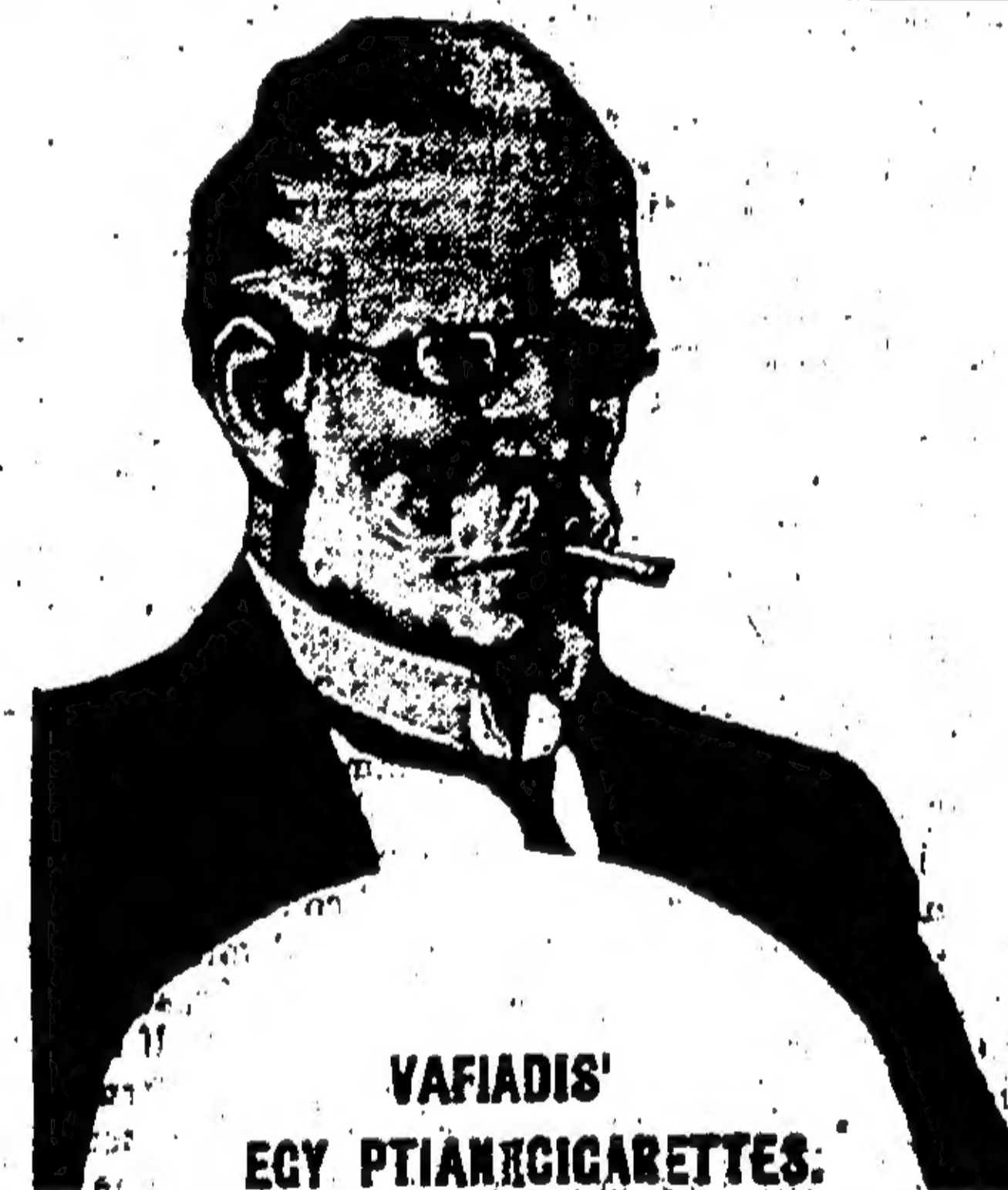
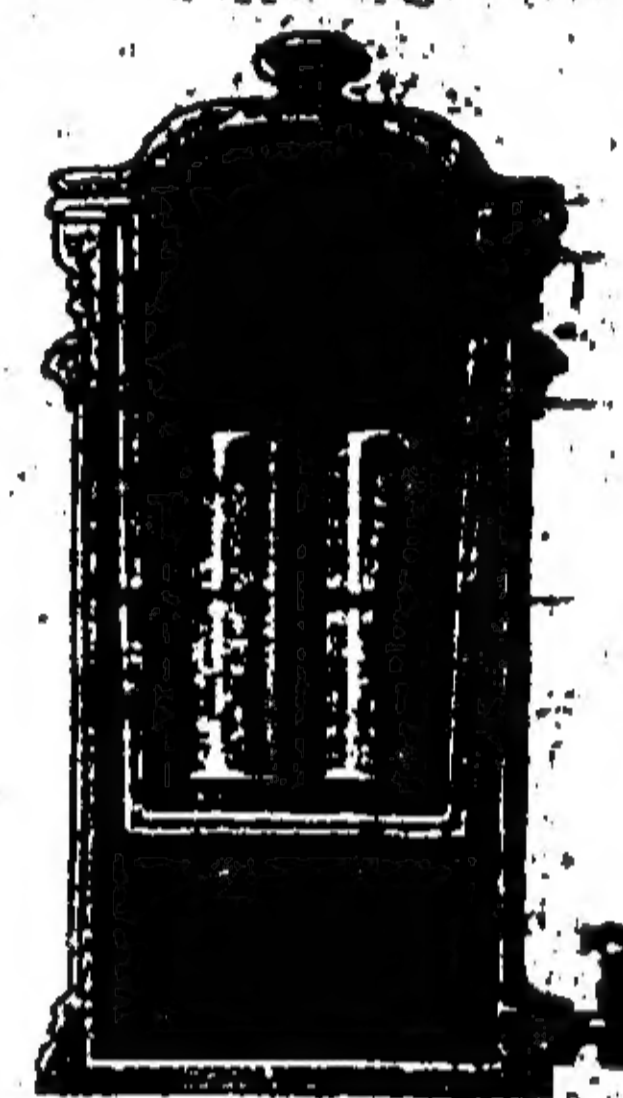
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DEATH.

GLENDINNING.—On March 7, 1917, at "Waratah," Markham Road (S.-N.R.), Shanghai, Violet Helen Scott, beloved youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Glendinning, S.-N.R., aged 64 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1917.

HONGKONG FOOD PRICES.

In the course of an article which appeared in this column on the 9th inst., we urged the point that it was high time the Food Committee set about revising the list of maximum prices for foodstuffs, and suggested that one or other of the unofficial Members of the Legislative Council should, in the public interest, raise the question before the Legislative Council. It is gratifying, therefore, to feel that our observations have not been in vain, for the Hon. Mr. Pollock, whose interest in public matters is well-known, has taken the earliest opportunity of bringing the question to the notice of the Government. Yesterday he addressed a series of questions to the authorities on the subject, and, if these were not answered with any great definiteness, the replies were at any rate of such a nature as to lead to the hope that past neglect will be remedied and such action taken as will result in the whole matter being placed on a more satisfactory footing to all concerned.

This matter of the price of foodstuffs constitutes one of Hongkong's most important war problems; yet it is one which, in spite of its general importance to traders and consumers alike, has received the scantiest possible attention. That much is easily established by the nature of the replies to Mr. Pollock's questions. Not only in a comprehensive sense, but in point of detail as well, the answers were palpably weak, reflecting a slackness and a failure to recognise the urgency of the matter which contrast sharply with the seriousness of the problem to the community as a whole. When the Food Committee was first appointed, the general impression was that it would meet at fairly regular intervals and would revise the prices of commodities according to altered conditions. In point of fact, however, it seems doubtful whether the Committee has assembled at all, except on very rare occasions; certainly, according to the Government's own showing, it has not concerned itself with a general revision of charges for over two years. It is true that from August, 1914, to August of last year, just over a dozen Proclamations have been issued regulating the prices, but some of these—if not, indeed, most of them—have merely dealt with one or two specific commodities, leaving the bulk of everyday necessities untouched. It would be interesting to know exactly how many times the Committee has met, and when, precisely, was the last date on which it assembled. When dealing with this question, it is well to remember that there are two divisions into which foodstuffs naturally fall—there are those which are produced locally, and those which are imported. It is the former of these which comprises the list issued in detail by the Food Committee (mostly market goods, such as meat, poultry, fish and vegetables), which list, it is confessed, has not been revised since March 12, 1915. In certain of these goods there has been a rise in price above the maximum allowed, and, that being the case, it would be well if some explanation were forthcoming as to why the list has been allowed to remain unaltered for so long a period. But it is in regard to imported goods that the heaviest increases have taken place. These are dealt with in the official Proclamations on the subject by a paragraph which provides that the prices shall not be raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices which prevailed on July 25, 1914. Mr. Pollock very pointedly enquired whether that provision had been enforced in the case of certain articles which he specified. The reply given him was that the increases were of "some 10 to 12 per cent. in certain cases the increase has been larger, in others less." The point as to whether the prices of any of the commodities mentioned by the questioner had become enhanced beyond the scale permitted, was evaded, save in so far as the Government admitted that in some instances the rise had been more than 10 or 12 per cent. From what source the Government obtained its information, or by what method it arrived at the "10 or 12 per cent." we do not know. But we do know that the increase in regard to some of the goods specified by Mr. Pollock has been fully 30, and, in some instances, 50 per cent.

We are aware, of course, that the rise in freight rates has been a big factor in the growing dearth of imported articles. The Government sought to take refuge behind that circumstance in the remark that this extra freightage was not foreseen at the commencement of the war. But that hardly meets the case. We have had some two years' experience of high freightage now. Why, therefore, has not the scale of 15 per cent. been modified to meet the new situation? In fairness to traders, and as a guide to the buying public, that should have been done. We have all along maintained that there has been a regrettable slackness on the part of the Government and the Food Committee in dealing with this vitally important question. The replies to Mr. Pollock's queries simply confirm that opinion. And the crowning point is now reached by the Government announcement that "the question of the limitation of prices will be referred to the Committee"—the Committee which is supposed to have made that very question its business for the past two and a half years!

A New Danger in China.

We have urged a good many reasons why China should not waste a moment in interesting every German throughout the country—but we have not exhausted the list. Yesterday morning, as many of our readers are aware, a rumour was going round the Colony to the effect that an arsenal—some accounts said Nanking and others Hanyang—had been blown up; and to-day at least one of the local vernacular papers "bears" that an explosion has taken place at Nanking. Knowing what we do of the German's playful little habits in the bomb direction, we can hardly be expected to feel much surprise if the story should turn out to be true, even while we hope that it is not. But if it is, what is going to be the fate of any chance European found in the neighbourhood? None know better than the Peking Government that an inflamed mob does not stop to exercise whatever reasoning faculties it may chance to possess. If to-morrow the Shih Ching arsenal at Canton were blown up and a number of Chinese killed, the life of a European in the locality would not be safe for the next day or two. To the Chinese coolie the fan kwai is the fan kwai, whether he hails from Berlin or Bethnal Green, from Paris or Pennsylvania, and his ear draws no distinction between English and Yiddish. So surely as success attends any serious German plot, so surely shall we be threatened with a series of attacks on foreigners. Now that relations between the Allies and China are at last what they should be, there is no room for relapse; we cannot afford to have the present good understanding wrecked by an imitation of the Boxer troubles. If every enemy subject is forthwith put under lock and key and denied all access to suspected persons who are not German, we shall soon hear the last of the blowing up of arsenals.

The War Situation.

How does Germany like the general look of things just now? Are the Kaiser's "victorious armies" still stalking the land with giant stride, carrying everything before them; or are they cursing the madness that inspired their rulers to fling down a challenge to the world? Before the Huns have fully realised that Bagdad has fallen, comes the news that Kermanshah has met with the same fate; and, while they are writhing at the thought of the brilliant advance of the British on the Western front, the fact is well driven home that China has broken off relations. And so one card castle after another falls on the table, and every day the Kaiser receives a fresh reminder that his dreams of world-lordship can never come true. Italian successes, Russian successes, French successes, the entire collapse of Boche power in East Africa, the exposure of plot after plot in the United States—what sort of food is all this, to give to a German public that is hungering not only figuratively but very materially? We can, of course, picture the average well-informed German desperately trying to comfort himself with the reflection: "There are still the submarines." Yet that comfort is surely cold enough. During the past week, close upon a thousand craft of all kinds have entered and left British ports. Out of that number twenty have been sunk, and of the twenty, three were fishing vessels and four more were under 1,600 tons. During the same period seven hundred vessels, exclusive of coasters and fishers, arrived at French ports—and the sinkings numbered two! The Germans are said to be a mathematical nation; then let them get to work and calculate the length of time that it would take their pirates to destroy the mercantile fleets of the Allies, at the present rate of progress. If the Kaiser can see a single ray of hope in the outlook he is madder than the British have ever believed him to be.

F.M.S. and War Relief.
The total of the F.M.S. War Relief Fund to date is \$290,588.07.

DAY BY DAY.

WE NEVER SAW BUT ONE HONEST HONGKONGER AND THE FELLOW ON THE LEADING HORSE HAD STOLEN IT.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar as demanded to-day was \$2.31 1/2.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 31st birthday of Princess Patricia of Connaught.

Kailan Output.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 3, amounted to 62,507 tons and the sales during the period, to 60,274 tons.

Kidnapping Charge.
Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, Mr. A. M. Preston appeared to defend a woman who was charged with kidnapping a small girl from a village in the country beyond Canton. He said the case had been sent to the Court by the S.O.A. Sergeant McKay appeared for the prosecution and the case was adjourned, bail being fixed at \$250.

Pot of Opium Seized.
A little boy was sent out by his father to buy a pot of opium, and, whilst he was carrying it home, it was snatched out of his hand by a man, who at once ran away. Chase was given, and the man was caught by a district watchman. When charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, the thief was sent to gaol for a month, with hard labour.

Infringed the Bye-laws.
The occupier of a house which is being altered to be used as a restaurant was summoned before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with infringing the bye-laws by placing a stove in the basement kitchen. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared to defend and Mr. J. T. Edwards, of the P. W. D., proved the case. Upon an undertaking being given that the stove should be removed, defendant was fined \$5.

Always Came Back.
An Indian, named A. Brose of 27, Pottinger Street, was summoned at the Magistracy this morning for keeping a dog without a licence. In reply to the summons, he said the dog did not belong to him. When asked how long he had had the dog, defendant surprised the Court by replying that he had had it for two or three months. He had sent it away three or four times, but it always came back. He had since taken out a licence. A fine of \$1 was imposed.

Costly Absence.
A gambling raid carried out last night by Sergeant Clarke, resulted in 14 persons being summoned at the Police Court this morning. Three men and one woman failed to appear when the case was called on, and Mr. G. R. Haywood appeared on behalf of the remainder, who pleaded guilty, and were fined \$2 each. As soon almost as the bail of the absent ones had been extracted, two of them turned up and when asked why they were late one said he had indigestion and the other said he could not find anybody to take charge of his shop. Their bailed of \$25 each was ordered to be extracted.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve), state:—

Standing Orders.
The following is to be inserted on page 3 of the Standing Order Book:—"I. (a). All Current Orders which in any way add to, explain, alter or cancel any of the Regulations and Standing Orders herein contained must be at once written in the book at the appropriate page."

A printed slip containing all additions and amendments made since September, 1916, is in course of preparation, and will be issued to all ranks.

Recruits.
Monday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 21.—All recruits except No. 2 Company.

Tuesday, March 20, and Friday, March 23.—No. 2 Company Recruits' Platoon.

Strength.
P. O. 721 Caldwell is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

SUMMARY COURT.

Some Cases Called This Morning.

At the Summary Court, this morning, the case was mentioned in which W. J. Cooper is claiming \$1,000 from John McD. Talloch, a sergeant in the Hongkong Police Force.

Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the plaintiff, asked for pleadings and undertook to supply defendant with particulars, though he added that he thought he knew them already. The claim was for trespass, and assault and battery. He proposed to apply for a commission to take evidence at Shanghai from a man named Bill. He did not know whether defendant was going to have any legal assistance.

The case was adjourned for a week.

It will be remembered that last week the plaintiff in the present action was summoned for being drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner by the defendant, at the Police Court, and was fined \$5, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

Cases Settled.
The case was called in which Li Yuk-po claimed \$180 from J. George Chance.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that the case had been settled out of Court.

The case was mentioned in which K. Kusano claimed \$18.60 from F. Schmeppel.

Mr. Faithfull was for the plaintiff, and said that the money had been paid.

Mr. Faithfull represented Frank E. Hall who claimed \$14.95 from Mrs. Gibbons. It was stated that the case had been settled.

Tailor's Bill.
James T. Shaw claimed \$98 from Tam Sik-ki.

His Lordship:—What is this another tailor's bill?

Mr. Faithfull:—Yes. Defendant states that he gets 25 cents on every \$100 worth of goods he sells, and he has sold some thousands, from which he expects to get \$50.

The case was adjourned.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co. in their weekly share circular (Shanghai, 10th March), says:—

Our market has again gone flat, and while a number of transactions were reported in Rabbies the money involved in nearly every case was insignificant.

After a long period of neglect, Cottons attracted some slight attention and a fair number of Shanghai changed hands. While the supply of silver at hand has again increased, little money seems available for share dealings, but there is certainly more enquiry in the Debenture market and some fairly long lines have been negotiated at well sustained prices following on the lower rate of exchange. The Municipal Council however have advertised an issue of Tls. 1,600,000 five-year debentures bearing interest at 7 per cent. and this is calculated to have a slightly depressing effect on rates for issues made during the last four or five years. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 3/5 1/2; the Dollar rate being 71.825.

Company Meetings, etc.—China Sugars announce a dividend similar to that of last year: the accounts are not in our hands, but we understand that they make a good showing. Bata Anam: The meeting is to be held on April 3rd, when a final dividend of 5 per cent. (making 10 per cent.) will be proposed. Shanghai Seremban: At the meeting to take place on 30th instant, the directors will recommend the payment of a 4 per cent. dividend in respect of the working for the 10 months ended 31st December. Tabong: A third interim dividend has been declared payable on 23rd instant. Shanghai Water Works: The annual meeting is called for 27th instant; it is suggested that a final dividend of 2 1/2 and a bonus of 4/6 at exchange 3/5 1/2 be paid to shareholders, which will aggregate Tls. 16.67 per share for the year.

BANDMAN OPERA CO.

Happy Presentation of "Theodore and Co."

Last night's performance by the Bandman Opera Company, at the Theatre Royal, was one of the most enjoyable the Company has given during this season, and the large attendance frequently demonstrated its appreciation of the play staged. The new musical production, "Theodore and Co.," which has enjoyed such a large measure of success in London, was presented, and, being written by well known producers, in George Grossmith and Edward Laurillard, it is certainly a well-written and well-thought-out musical comedy. Like all similar types of play, the story is the least important part of it, for it only serves as a ground-work on which to justify the introduction of much pretty and catchy music and light-hearted fun and dancing. But, nevertheless, the "plot" is nicely arranged and, after the usual entanglements, all is straightened out into the "happy ever after" finale.

The popular principals of the Company were again in good form, Miss Majorie Manners, as Lady Pansy, keeping up her high reputation. Miss Addie Leigh had a part well suited to her in the role of the Hon. Sapphire Blissett, and Miss Kathleen Doyle, as Fudge Robinson, contributed no little to the success of the presentation. Mr. Compton Courts made an ideal Duke of Shetland, whilst Mr. Fred Wynn provided the major portion of the evening's fun in his comic impersonation of Popsy Twitchin. He introduced many smart jokes new to Hongkong audiences. Mr. Billy Box, as Crump, was another most amusing character. Mr. Leyland Hodgson, as the rather wayward but likeable Lord Theodore Wrangle, was in a part admirably suited to him, and mention should also be made of Mr. Alex. Kellaway, as Cosmo Legallo; Mr. H. Roberts, Mr. Louis Cowen, Mr. Robin Shialk, and Mr. J. Carr, all of whom took a creditable share in the presentation. Miss Gracie Rosslyn was vigorously cheered for her dancing, and the whole of the chorus is deserving of praise for the pleasing manner in which the piece was gone through.

This evening the production is being repeated.

TROUBLESOME EUROPEAN LAD.

How He Spent Stolen Money.

A European boy, named, John Adams, aged 13 years, was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing from the s.s. Yuen-sang \$150 (gold) in bank notes, the property of the third officer.

The boy frankly admitted the charge.

Detective Sergeant Cooke gave the lad a very bad character. He said the lad had given a great deal of trouble to his parents for the past two years. This was the first time he had been charged, but his father had given him many a thrashing, once before the Provost Marshall. On that occasion, he turned round and said he would steal again. His father had no hold on him. The O.S.P. had suggested that his Worship might make an order to put the boy into the detention barracks, and before being put there could be given the birch. Perhaps that would have a good effect. The boy stole the \$150 gold from the cabin and he went to money changers at Wanchai and changed it into Hongkong money, getting \$244 for it. He went to Sincero's shop and bought a toy motor-car, paying \$15 for it. He also ordered a blue coat for \$9.50 and a blue suit of overalls for \$4, which he said he was going down into the engine room with. The boy had \$182.10 in his possession when arrested, showing that he had spent about \$62.

His Worship intimated that he could not order the boy to the detention barracks as he had no money to pay for his keep. He would order 12 strokes with the cane.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The Baring family, from which the late Lord Cromer sprang, achieved a record by adding within less than sixty years no fewer than four titles to the roll of peers, says the *Manchester Guardian*. These were those of Ashburton, conferred in 1835 on Alexander Baring, second son of the first baronet; Northbrook, bestowed upon Thomas Baring in 1868; Revelstoke, a creation of 1885; and, finally, Cromer, the title taken in 1892 by Lord Revelstoke's younger brother. It was the first Lord Ashburton who really founded the family fortunes. He was the first Englishman to marry an American heiress, and her money went to augment the financial standing of his firm, so that Baring Brothers soon became of international importance and Alexander Baring was known as "Alexander the Great." One might read into the arms of the Barings some allusion to the financial genius of the family, for they include two bears as the "supporters," and "beams" are not unknown on the Stock Exchange, after all.

There was real humour in some of the quiet, grim things which the late Lord Cromer did. Once the Young Egyptian party planned a demonstration in favour of France and against Lord Cromer. It was to take place at the opera as he entered, and as he heard of most things, so he heard of this in good time. He promptly invited the French agent to share his box at the opera, the invitation was accepted, and the hostile crowd was ludicrously nonplussed when the two arrived together.

The nationalisation of banks, as proposed by the Labour Conference, is a problem that has been troubling economists and financiers ever since the Middle Ages, remarks the *Chronicle*. There are State banks in Russia, Switzerland, and many of the countries of South America, but bankers of Western Europe have always fought shy of nationalisation. They believe, and rightly, that State banks will necessarily be more occupied with political than commercial ends, that they will continually be forced to give popular and agricultural credit, and to support public works to the detriment of their financial offices.

The late Lord Minto used to tell a story about a famous art connoisseur who once sat next to a rather illiterate alderman at a public banquet. In the course of conversation the alderman mentioned that his grandfather had known the great Napoleon. "Indeed!" said the other. "That's very interesting!" "Yes," the alderman went on. "And I still have the fine snuff box that Napoleon gave him. It has a hen in diamonds on the lid." "A hen," exclaimed the other. "Oh, I see: You probably mean an eagle—the Imperial eagle?" "No," insisted the alderman. "It's a hen plain enough. I've got it with me. Look!" and he pulled from his pocket a splendid gold box with an "N" in brilliant on the lid!

The taciturnity of the Scotch is proverbial, and is maintained in the trenches, remarks the *Globe*. A lady who gives her experiences at a Y.M.C.A. hut somewhere in France says they frequently pointed to the articles they wanted to buy without vouchsafing a word. She always honoured them, and business was transacted in complete silence on either side. It is rather an achievement to outwit a Scot, but she is able to say that once at the tobacco stall she forced a don-looking sergeant to speak. At the time matches were extremely scarce, and in order to make them go round it was the rule only to sell one box to each man. Jack pushed two tickets towards the narrator and pointed to the matches; and, she continues, "I gave him one box and returned the second ticket, which he breast vibrantly at me again, and again I returned it in silence. This was too much for him, and he burst into speech. 'Two matches.' 'Oh, you aren't dumb, after all,' and his stern face broke into a broad grin while I explained why the second ticket could not be granted."

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Shellac for Munitions.

Mr. G. K. Fowler writes to the "Times":—"The announcement that in future no one will be allowed to purchase or sell copper outside the United Kingdom without a special permit issued by the Ministry of Munitions is a step in the right direction. It is to be hoped that the authorities will also now take measures as regards the various other war materials as for instance shellac. On September 10, nearly three months ago, this Ministry of Munitions made the following statement through the medium of the Press:—"In view of the excessive price of shellac, both in London and in Calcutta, in consequence of speculation, the Government are considering what steps should be taken to put a stop to this inflation of the price of a commodity which is required for military purposes. The shellac market, which always attracts many outside speculators, declined within less than a fortnight by 23s. per cwt.—viz., from 135s. to 110s. per cwt.—after this statement appeared in the Press. As however, no action on the part of the Government followed, speculators took heart again, and both here and in Calcutta prices were driven up nearly as fast as they came down. In fact, to-day's price, 149s., is 7s. higher than that ruling on the day when the above statement appeared. Is it not high time that the Government should step in and prohibit all outside individuals or firms dealing in shellac or war materials of any kind? Shellac has risen since the beginning of the war 133 per cent., the price of orange, the main article in demand, being now 140s. per cwt., as compared with 6s. at the end of July, 1914. The greatest advance, however, have taken place this year, the value in January last being 80s. That this enormous rise is not justified, even in spite of the reduction of the stock here from 98,000 chests at the outbreak of the war to about 56,000 chests to-day, is proved by the heavy fall which took place both here and in Calcutta when the Government issued their warning. If the authorities were to act all holders of shellac, both spot and futures (a considerable amount of speculation being done daily for delivery in March), to declare their actual stock and forward contracts it would undoubtedly be found that large quantities are held by outside speculators, and thus withheld from the actual consumer. I have taken just this one article as an example, but there are no doubt many other articles necessary for the manufacture of war materials where drastic steps ought to be taken to prevent speculators from driving prices up against the Government."

The Trade of Singapore.
Mr. Mitsui, who is one of the officials the Japanese Department of Agriculture and Commerce dispatched abroad some time ago to investigate business possibilities says in a report to his Department from Singapore:—"Both the import and export trade of the Straits Settlements are in an increasingly favourable condition, having gradually recovered from the harmful effects of the war and aided in its early stages. With regard to the foreign trade of last year, the official returns—for the fourth term (October–December) are not yet available, but on the strength of the figures for the third term (July–September) the total imports for the year may be put at \$580,000,000, exceeding exports by \$4,000,000. The money market in this part of the world is very stringent, on account it is believed, of the financial policy in Great Britain; the monetary stringency in India consequent upon the restricted issue of Council Bills and the tightness of money in Australia. As to the principal articles of merchandise, acetic acid for explosives is in solidifying rubber, war, h-force the war imported from Holland, Great Britain, Austria, Germany and Japan but has been supplied principally by Japan since the outbreak of hostilities, though some has lately begun to be imported from Australia. One year's demand for cups, made of porcelain, glass, or metal, for holding rubber juice amount to 20,000,000 pieces. The suppliers of canvas cloth are Britain, the United States, and Japan. Of the marine products imported from Japan, the chief are dried cuttlefish and scallops, the former amounting in value to between \$250,000 and \$300,000 a year, and the latter between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Transshipments of all kinds of goods, especially such as shellac, are also very

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delivery may be obtained.Goods not cleared by 21st
March, 1917, will be subject to
rent.All broken, chafed and damaged
packages are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined by Messrs. Goddard and
Douglas on the 20th March
1917, at 10 a.m.Claims against the steamer
must be presented in writing
within ten days after arrival of
steamer, otherwise they will not
be recognised.No Fire Insurance will be ef-
fectuated by the undersigned in any
case whatever.Bills of Lading will be coun-
tersigned byJAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1916.

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signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.
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on the 13th March, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's
Godown.Storage charges will be assessed
on all cargo remaining un-
delivered on 16th March, at 5 P.M.
No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.No Claim will be recognised
after the Goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Com-
pany's Godown, where they will
be examined on the 21st March
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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

(Continued from Page 1.)

A WEEK'S SUBMARINISM.

London, March 14.
The Admiralty reports that the arrivals for the week numbered 1,683 and the sailings 1,938. The sinkings were—1,000 tons and upward, 13. Under 1,000 tons, four. Unsuccessfully attacked, 16. Fishing vessels sunk, three. A merchantman, under 1,000 tons, reported last week as sunk, has since been towed in.

Paris, March 15.
It is officially stated that the arrivals at French ports for the week ending March 11 numbered 707, exclusive of coasters and fishing vessels. The sinkings numbered two.

THE CHINO-GERMAN BREAK.

The Unlucky Thirteen.

London, March 14.
There are thirteen German ships, totalling 35,000 tons, in Chinese ports.

Germany's Flattering Reply.

Peking, March 14.
Germany's reply to the Chinese anti-submarine protest was delivered just prior to the rupture of relations. It was couched in flattering terms and expressed surprise at China's attitude, because she has no shipping interests in the submarine zone.
Germany said she would treat the threat of a rupture as if it had not been made.

STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

BRITAIN'S WAR BILL.

Another Huge Vote of Credit.

London, March 15.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, introducing a supplementary vote of credit for sixty-four millions sterling in respect of the financial year ending March 31, said this included the payment of eighteen millions to the Australian Government for wheat, which the Treasury had expected to make in the next financial year; also twenty-three millions for advances to the Allies and Dominions. This did not mean that such advances were going to be bigger than was anticipated. They were simply paying money now instead of in the next financial year. Munitions and the Shipping Controller's acquisition of additional ships accounted for the balance of twenty-three millions.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking with regard to munitions, pointed out the necessity of payment now, and said there was a satisfactory indication that deliveries were being made more rapidly than those of the past, upon which the Treasury based its estimates for time of payment. It was not desirable to indicate the respective amounts allotted to munitions and shipping, but the arrangements regarding ships had also been concluded earlier than anticipated.

The total votes of credit for the financial year were £2,010,000,000 (?) and the total since the war, not including the vote already made in respect of next year, was £3,792,000,000.

THE SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Banks.	ea. \$	680.00.
Unions.	ea. \$	890.00.
Douglases.	b. \$	107.00.
Indos (Def.)	a. \$	128.00.
China Sugars.	b. \$	124.00.
Lungkats.	b. \$	18.75.
K'loon Docks.	b. \$	126.00.
S'hai Docks.	b. \$	87.00.
Zenos.	b. \$	150.00.
Kang Yike.	b. \$	13.50.
S'hai Cottons.	b. \$	120.00.
Yangtsepoos.	b. \$	5.00.
Cements.	ea. \$	8.85.
H.K. Tramways.	b. \$	7.20.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Orders for Next Week.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. E. Ralphs state:—

Canton Contingent.
All members who formed part of this Contingent will parade in Queen's College Quadrangle on Sunday, 18th inst., at 10 a.m.

Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees, haversacks, waterbottles, greatcoats (rolled), caps carried in haversacks.

Y.M.C.A. Division.
Tuesday, 20th inst.—8 p.m. First Aid Lecture; 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, 22nd inst.—8 p.m. First Aid, Practical Work. Lance Corporal So To-chung will take charge; 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Public Vaccination at Head Quarters daily from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Private Pan Yau-sung in charge.

Satyirgpan Division.
Sunday, 18th inst.—A Sergeant and 16 men will parade with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Sunday, the 18th inst. Fall in on the Cricket Ground, at 8.15 a.m.

Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees, haversacks (filled), waterbottles (filled), greatcoats (rolled). Rations should be carried in haversacks. Two stretchers to be provided.

Wednesday, 21st inst., 2 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill.

Saturday, 24th inst.—All members will parade with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Saturday, the 24th inst. Fall in on the Cricket Ground at 2 p.m.

Dress: Helmets, shorts, puttees, greatcoats (rolled), haversacks (filled), waterbottles (filled), stretchers to be provided.

Queen's College Division.
Tuesday, 20th inst., 4.15 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill.

Friday, 23rd inst., 4.15 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill.

Victoria Division.
Monday, 19th inst., 5.15 p.m.—Stretcher Drill.

Friday, 23rd inst., 5.15 p.m.—Company Drill.

Indian Enlistment.
A message has been received at divisional headquarters, Maymye, from army headquarters, India, and circulated to all volunteer corps in Burma that no more men are to be enlisted. The order, it is understood, refers to the whole of India.

LAURENTIC'S LAST MINUTES.

"Best Traditions of Navy Upheld by All."

An affecting and heroic story of the disaster which overtook H.M. auxiliary cruiser Laurentic off the Irish coast was told at the corner's inquest on 74 of the dead.

Captain Reginald Arthur Norton, R.N., the principal witness said his ship carried a complement of 470. At 5.55 p.m. the witness was on the ship's bridge. There was a violent explosion abreast of the foremast on the port side outside the ship, followed 20sec. later by a similar explosion abreast of the engine-room on the port side.

He saw nothing in the water. The ship was steaming full speed ahead and no lights were showing. I put the telegraph "Full speed astern," fired a rocket, gave the order to turn out the boats, and tried to send a wireless call for help, but found it could not be done owing to the second explosion, which occurred in the engine-room, having stopped the dynamo and left the ship in darkness.

The Coroner: How many survivors have you?

Witness: One hundred and twenty, to the best of my knowledge. All the men got away safely in the boats.

In answer to other questions by the coroner, witness said the best of order prevailed after the explosion. Officers and men lived up to the best traditions of the Navy. About 45 minutes after the explosion, witness continued, before leaving the ship, he went round the vessel below in company with Mr. Porter, the chief steward, who had an electric torch, and satisfied himself there were no more men on the ship.

The Coroner: Where there any people killed on board?

Witness: It is possible that someone was killed in the engine room, but I have not been able to ascertain owing to there being no survivors from the men on watch. I know that all the men got up from the stokehold. The men died from exposure owing to the coldness of the night.

He paid a tribute to the kindness shown to the survivors by the masters of the several trawlers which went to their rescue, and mentioned that his own boat, which was then almost full of water, was picked up by a trawler at 1 o'clock the following morning. All the men in the boat survived.

Another boat, said witness, contained five survivors, although this had been exposed to the bitterly cold weather for about 23 hours.

The foreman asked if any person was asleep on the ship at the

time of the disaster? The captain said he thought not. There was one officer on the sick list, but he was got away. There was plenty of time, though some of the men did not wait to put on proper attire. Forty-five minutes elapsed from the time of the explosion until witness left the ship, "and naturally," he added, "I was the last to leave."

Medical evidence showed that death in every case was due to shock following exposure.

The chief naval officer of the district said he believed there would have been more survivors had it not been for the cold night, and instanced the case of one boat picked up the afternoon following the disaster containing 17 frozen bodies. Another boat contained five survivors out of twenty, the remainder being frozen.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased came to their death on the high seas on the night of January 21 or the morning of the 22nd, and that the cause of death was shock and exposure.

The coroner said the senior naval officer to convey to the Admiralty their sincere sorrow at the loss of such gallant lives in the service of this King and country; and also an expression of the jury's admiration of the gallant conduct of the captain and other officers.

The foreman of the jury said the captain had acted very heroically, and had done everything possible for his men.

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut. Colonel A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Appointment.
No. 1611 Pte. John Eric Watson Beard, Left Section M. G. Co., to be Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in, and to command from this date, the Cadet Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps during the absence on leave, for the duration of the war, of Lieutenant O. Smith.

Leave.
The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No. 2077 Pte. W. W. MacKenzie to Scouts Company. No. 2078 Gr. J. E. W. White to Artillery Battery. No. 2079 Bugler A. B. West to Engineer Company.

Leave.
(a) The undermentioned are granted leave for the duration of the war with effect from the dates mentioned:—Lieutenant C. Smith, from 22.3.17; No. 1745 Corporal A. Young, from 16.3.17; No. 1874 Lce. Corp. B. L. Harle, from 17.3.17; No. 1418 Bombr. M. L. Railton, from 31.3.17; No. 1501 Gr. A. F. Chapman, from 31.3.17; No. 1938 Pte. A. H. Brommer, from 1.5.17; No. 1925 Spr. C. H. Summers, from 23.3.17; No. 1252 Gr. W. R. Farmer, from 28.3.17; No. 1950 Gr. D. J. Purves, from 31.3.17; No. 1443 Pte. W. H. O. Robson, from 15.3.17; No. 1812 Pte. P. J. Easton, from 23.3.17; No. 1933 Pte. G. T. May, from 16.3.17; No. 1983 Pte. N. J. Henderson from 19.3.17.
(b) No. 1982 Spr. E. I. Grant Smith is granted 3 weeks' leave from 8.3.17.
No. 1728 Lce. Cpl. F. A. Perry is granted 1 month's leave from 14.3.17.
No. 1760 Spr. L. S. Suanbe is granted 2 months' leave from 15.3.17.

Promotions.
No. 1325 Lce. Corp. W. T. Up to be Corporal.

No. 1432 Pte. F. Cullen to be Lce. Corporal.

Transferred.
Pte. H. J. Slat is transferred from H.K.V.B. to H.K.V.O., allotted Corps No. 2,080 and posted to Belchers 6" Section from this date.

No. 1854 Pte. K. Braysbay, from Scouts Company to Belchers 6" Section dated 16.3.17.

No. 1853 Pte. T. R. Chassell, from Scouts Company to Belchers 6" Section dated 16.3.17.

No. 1911 Pte. W. P. O. Trifford, from Scouts Company to Belchers 6" Section dated 16.3.17.

No. 1926 Pte. J. D. Wright, from Scouts Company to Belchers 6" Section dated 16.3.17.

No. 1968 Pte. F. M. B. Holman, from Scouts Company to Belchers 6" Section dated 16.3.17.

Attached.
No. 1452 Pte. W. J. Morrison and No. 1539 Pte. J. A. Ridgway are attached to the Mounted Section H.K.V.O. dated 16.3.17.

Engineer Company.
Detail of Engineer Company from 17th to 24th inst. has been posted at Headquarters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

A FOOTBALL MATTER.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—I note that the South China Athletic Club are to play the K.S.L.L. (D. Company) again. It is to be hoped that a decent referee will be appointed, who will stop all dirty and deliberately foul play by ordering the offenders off the field.

It would be interesting also to know what steps the authorities intend to take to keep the mob under control.

Yours etc., SPORT.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917.

Parades.

Monday 19th instant.—5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters under Corp. Edgcombe and Corp. Grimes; 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery; 8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 1 at Belchers Battery.

Tuesday 20th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters, Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks, Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery; 8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery.

Wednesday 21st instant.—5.30 p.m. E.L. classes 1 and 2 and all members of the Engineer Company not on duty at Volunteer Headquarters for lecture by Captain W. H. B. Carr, B. E., on "Work in the Directing Station."

Thursday 22nd instant.—5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery; 8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 1 at Belchers Battery.

Friday 23rd instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" section at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters.

Corp. Edgcombe and Corp. Grimes will attend; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks, Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery; 8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery.

Sunday 25th instant.—8.00 a.m. Belchers 6" Section Scouts Company and all members of Arty. Battery Left, Centre, Right Sections M.G. Co. Civil Service Company and Signalling Section who did not fire on 11th instant, on Prays just east of Blake Pier and proceed by launch to Kowloon City Range for Field Firing. Dress: Drill order (Helmets) with haversack, waterbottle (filled), two pouches and 20 rounds ball ammunition.

Detail.
On duty 18th instant, Centre Section M. G. Company; 19th, Right Section M. G. Company; 20th, Scouts Company; 21st, Scouts Company; 22nd, Civil Service Company; 23rd, Belchers 6" Section; 24th, Artillery Battery.

Orderly Officer from 18th to 24th instant, Lieut. Danby.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

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